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*to memo dated 11/12/73*

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As I remember the meeting mentioned in paragraph 2.b., the participants unanimously agreed that remodeling the west end of the first floor of the main building was completely unacceptable inasmuch as this was really another stopgap measure which was not only costly but a waste of prime space and most disruptive of ongoing work. Everyone present voted for a new on-campus building to house the computer hardware and related functions for the entire Agency.

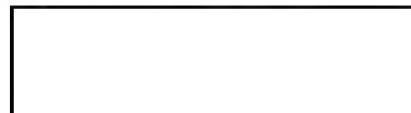
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Comments By  
Mr. David S. Brandwein, Director, OWI

I feel that recommendation a. is the least desirable, and, in the light of the OJCS comment, its cost may well be underestimated. I think that management needs to bite the bullet and go in for a separate computer building.



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Comment By *to memo dtd 11/12/73*

Mr. Howard J. Osborn, Director of Security

From strictly a security viewpoint, option C is,  
by far, the least desirable.

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Mr. Charles A. Briggs, Director, O/PPB

I concur in the findings resulting from our discussions (para. 3, "Staff Position").

I do not feel that our analysis provides a sufficient base for Mr. Brownman to select one of the three options listed in para. 4 ("Recommendations").

I strongly agree with the ESE components favoring the option of a new building, if such is feasible, both economically and politically. I feel that it is past time for serious top management consideration of such an option.

I therefore suggest that DD/M&S initiate formal actions to pursue the feasibility, firm specifications, and related matters of a new building for ESE...and that DD/M&S then prepare an action paper for management decision.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Management and Services

VIA : Director of Communications  
Director of Joint Computer Support  
Director of Planning, Programming, and Budgeting  
Director of Security  
Director of ELINT  
Director of Weapons Intelligence  
Chief, Information Services Group, CRS

FROM : Director of Logistics

SUBJECT : Headquarters Facilities for Environmentally Sensitive Equipment

REFERENCE : Study on Environmentally Sensitive Equipment Facilities in the CIA Headquarters Building, Langley, Virginia, dated 5 March 1973

1. Action Requested: In accordance with affected components' reactions to the referenced study (as contained in the Staff Position section herein), guidance is requested as to the next actions to be taken regarding provision of acceptable facilities for Headquarters Environmentally Sensitive Equipment (ESE).

2. Basic Data or Background:

a. As you are aware, the Office of Logistics initiated the referenced study to focus attention on the status of facilities supporting ESE and to propose a viable, short time frame alternative. This study asserted that:

(1) Existing Headquarters facilities for ESE are marginal in terms of environment, flexibility and expansibility, and safety of personnel and equipment.

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(2) Headquarters facilities are inadequate to support next-generation equipment if temperature, humidity, dust control, and safety criteria continue to become more stringent.

(3) Because of the physical constraints and the necessity to maintain ongoing operations, existing facilities and utilities service to ground floor ESE areas cannot be upgraded to either improve existing conditions or support major new systems.

b. With your concurrence, this study was distributed to affected components and their comments were solicited. The resulting comments were, as expected, sufficiently diverse to preclude ready collation into a single position paper and, additionally, contained some misunderstandings as to the intent of the study. Accordingly, a meeting chaired by the Director of Logistics and attended by the Director of Planning, Programming, and Budgeting, senior representatives of the affected components (ISG, OC, OEL, OJCS, and OWI), and the Chief, Physical Security Division, OS, was held to discuss the study. The consensus of the meeting is presented as the Staff Position portion of this memorandum.

3. Staff Position:

a. The Office of Logistics' position (expanded in paragraph 2 above) was accepted to the extent that it was generally agreed that:

(1) Existing ESE facilities for many components are marginal;

(2) Existing facilities probably cannot support future ESE systems; and

(3) Current ground-floor facilities are physically constrained from major improvement.

b. Total space and utilities demands for computer, SIGINT, and ELINT areas are expected to stabilize or decrease (OC, however, has improvement/

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equipment expansion plans for the Cable Secretariat and sixth floor DATACOM).

c. OJCS has concern about the risk factors of relocation of existing, older computer equipment. OJCS could probably not phase out this equipment and move to next-generation equipment sooner than 3 years after approval of the concept.

d. OC has the technical capability to establish secure data links for all ESE systems from sites other than the Headquarters compound.

e. Use of leased space to house ESE necessitates such a large investment for modification that, when coupled with occupancy continuity uncertainties, it effectively eliminates this alternative.

f. No suitable military or other Government space in the Headquarters area is available for assignment to the Agency to house ESE functions.

g. Modification of the proposed area on the first floor of Headquarters would cost up to \$3.7 million, require 2 to 3 years to implement, and require identification and relocation of components now in an equal amount of space with a resultant additional leasing and modification cost of up to \$1 million. This reconfiguration could, however, meet foreseeable facilities requirements and offer the benefit of minimization of physical separation from prime "customers."

h. Construction of a new building would provide optimum space (utilities systems designed for the function, elimination of physical constraints caused by columns, maximum flexibility, and expandability) but would cost up to \$12 million for 100,000 square feet of space, require up to 7 years to complete, introduce various U. S. Government and State regulatory agencies into the approval process, and raise the time-consuming but potentially highly beneficial question of scope (should NPIC or OTS or outlying units at [ ] Rosslyn, and Chamber of Commerce be included?). An additional consideration

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is the increased probability of a major facilities-induced failure in an ESE area because of additional elapsed time utilizing existing facilities.

i. Several major ongoing or proposed projects will be affected by the determination of how and where to provide facilities for ESE (e.g., provision of motor-generator/uninterrupted power source equipment budgeted in FY 1974 for ESE areas, expansion of the Headquarters "B" Vault, the Cable dissemination system in the Cable Secretariat, modifications to the sixth floor DATACOM, a proposed "K" terminal, consolidation of Operation Centers).

j. ESE components opted for a new building vice first-floor modification, if provision of a new building in the general time frame specified was viable.

4. Recommendation: It is the consensus of representatives of ESE components, Office of Logistics, and the Chief, Physical Security Division, that firm scope establishment, budgeting, and implementation planning be initiated to provide new facilities for Headquarters ESE. Options considered are:

a. Reconfiguration of 45,000 square feet of space on the first floor;

b. Construction of a new building in the Headquarters compound minimally sized at 100,000 square feet of space; or

c. Construction of a similar building at a site to be determined in the general Headquarters area.

Accordingly, guidance is requested as to which actions to take next to provide acceptable facilities for Headquarters ESE.

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